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Smart e-Discovery Case Study #3

Overwhelming Evidence

Millnet comes to the rescue of a case sinking under the sheer weight of disclosure documents

Scenario: The claimant's lawyer in this long-running contractual dispute between a manufacturer and a logistics company had accumulated a set of supporting evidence on CD from each of 20 key individuals. The data consisted mainly of emails with Word, Excel and PowerPoint attachments, some of which had been printed and now amounted to approximately 5,000 documents in 30 lever arch files.

“Millnet was able to provide the most appropriate tool for each requirement”

The requirement: Millnet was called in when the sheer weight of evidence being submitted was threatening to become unmanageable, as the associate in charge explained: “The matter was proceeding to disclosure within three months. We were struggling to organise the paper and the electronic documents and de-duplicate across both sets. We had collected data from the key players but to be ready for disclosure we needed to look at other individuals and a broader range of issues. We needed to search, sort and group according to the issues and at the same time review for and/or redact privileged documents. Time was now of the essence.”

The method:

- 20 CDs processed, duplicates eliminated and returned for review using Nuix desktop software, within 24 hours.
- Paper documents scanned, indexed and combined with the electronic data. Duplicates eliminated using Equivio near-duplicate identification. Turned around within five days.
- Data set loaded on Millnet's hosted Concordance system with team of 5 undertaking coding and review, including identification of privileged documents for withholding or redaction.

The outcome: Trial bundles in electronic format including witness statements and expert reports were ready for presentation well ahead of the court deadline. The total set up costs amounted to £5k, with monthly hosting cost during the review of less than £1k.

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- How a small/medium law firm was able to manage complex litigation
- An end-to-end solution employing 'best match' technologies
- Elimination of duplicates and near-duplicates from a mixed paper and electronic document set

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